

## AMENDMENTS

### Amendments to the Specification

1. Please replace paragraph [page 13, lines 16-20] with the following paragraph:

Another aspect of the invention concerns methods for lowering the concentration of bile acids in a mammal, comprising the use of an FXR ~~antagonist or inverse~~ agonist in a pharmacologically acceptable carrier. Alternatively, in another aspect of the invention an FXR antagonist or FXR reverse agonist is used to increase the synthesis of bile acids in a patient deficient in bile acid synthesis.